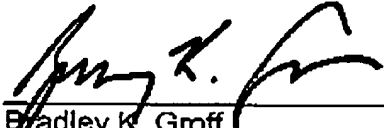


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Claims 1-17 (Group I). Claims 18-22 (Group II) are cancelled. New Claims 23 and 24 are introduced to claim additional subject matter within Group I, Claim 23 being directed to subject matter similar to that of Claim 10 in independent form, and Claim 24 being directed to subject matter similar to that of Claim 8 in independent form. No new matter is added.

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